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## **Inmate Death at FCI Williamsburg**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, August 28, 2020 inmate Nelson Del Rio Rodriguez was evaluated by institution medical staff at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Williamsburg in Salters, South Carolina. On the same day, he was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment due to a cardiac episode. On Saturday, August 29, 2020, Mr. Del Rio Rodriguez was placed on a ventilator. He remained at the hospital where he was placed on and off a ventilator from August to January. On Saturday, January 2, 2021, Mr. Del Rio Rodriguez tested positive for COVID-19. On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, he was again placed on a ventilator due to his declining health. On Friday, January 8, 2021, Mr. Del Rio Rodriguez, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Del Rio Rodriguez was a 65-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of Florida to a 165-month sentence for Possession with Intent to Distribute. He had been in custody at the FCI Williamsburg since July 27, 2018.

FCI Williamsburg is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,368 male offenders.

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